

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Allowed claims 2, 3, 5, 27 are pending in the application. All other non-allowed claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

Accordingly, all claims in the present application are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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